

# Charlotte County Florida



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the civil rights movement in the United States from the mid-1950's until his untimely death on April 4, 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King combined social activism with religious faith, working tirelessly to protest injustice and to focus attention on the plight of the nation's poor; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his life, Dr. King advocated the use of non-violent resistance in the tradition of Mohandas Gandhi to overcome oppression and to enhance human dignity, and helped secure the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the elimination of legalized racial segregation in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, among many other honors, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, and the United States Congress voted to observe a national holiday in his honor, on the third Monday in January of each year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that January 16, 2017 shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

### *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

A parade honoring Dr. King, sponsored by the Benjamin J. Baker Community Development Corporation will commence at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 16, 2017, and end at the New Operation Cooper Street Recreation Center, 650 Mary Street, Punta Gorda. Theme: "Freedom and Justice for All". All citizens and visitors are invited to observe and participate.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 10th day of January 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
William G. Truex, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Roger Eaton, Clerk of Circuit  
Court and Ex-officio Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Raymond J. Sandrock, County Administrator